

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing multiphase windings (32) of an electric machine with the following process steps:
  - a) stamping onto wire elements (7, 11, 12) a cross-sectional profile (13) that increases the slot space factor;
  - b) loading offsetting dies (14, 26) with stamped wire elements (7) to constitute the winding (32), stamped wire elements (11) to constitute an integrated star point (21), and stamped wire elements (12) for supplying current to the winding (32);
  - c) offsetting the stamped wire elements (7, 11, 12) in end regions of these wire elements (7, 11, 12) using offsetting dies (14, 26), wherein manufacture of the integrated star point takes place simultaneously in the same process step as the offsetting of the wire elements whereby the integrated star point (21) is made by offsetting the inserted wire elements in a process step; and
  - d) producing an interconnection of the integrated star point (21) by means of thermal attachment (30) or by means of a cold contacting technique for attaching the wire elements (11) for the integrated star point (21) to the a

connecting ring (40), wherein the entire connecting ring (40) is disposed radially inward on an inside (41) of a finished winding head (20).

2. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising stamping a cross-sectional profile in a wedge shape (13) onto the wire elements (7, 11, 12).
3. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising stamping an oval or circular cross-sectional profile onto the wire elements (7, 11, 12).
4. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising loading the offsetting dies (14, 26) with the stamped wire elements (7, 11, 12) in such a way that the wire elements (11) that constitute the integrated star point (21) are offset from one another by an angle of 120°.
5. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising shaping the winding head (20) by means of an offsetting of the offsetting dies (14, 26).
6. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising producing a wire cage (22), which is attached to a laminated core (24) according to process step b).

7. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising providing the laminated core (24) with an insulation (31) in the attachment region of the wire basket (22).

8. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising contacting the stamped wire elements (7) that constitute the winding (32) to one another on the contacting end (25) of the winding (32).

9. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising carrying out on an interconnection point end (23) of the winding (32), an automatable contacting (30) of the integrated star point (21) by means of resistance welding, laser welding, electron welding, a soldering process, or by means of hot or cold pressing.

10. (original) The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the automatable contacting (30) is carried out by connecting the wire elements (11) to a connecting ring (40) to form the integrated star point (21), which ring has recesses (45) or is encompassed by a ring material whose loops (44) encompass the wire elements (11) to form the integrated star point (21).

11. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the bent ends of the star point wires face one another in a star shape.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein three star point wires facing one another with bent ends lie on the of the winding head, wherein the bent ends are connected materially with the star point connecting ring.